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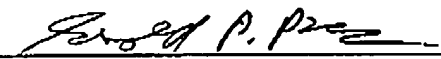
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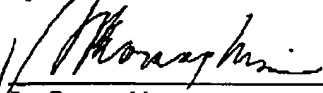
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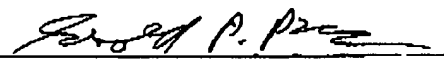
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Sir:

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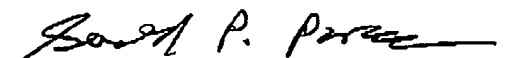
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Further, in making this disclaimer, no determination has been made as to whether there is merit as to any double patenting rejection; this is merely to expedite prosecution of the instant application.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d), the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$130 to Deposit Account No. 502664 for this Terminal Disclaimer as set forth in the enclosed transmittal letter.

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